



Gas prices on the rise once again

**AT THE PUMPS** The constantly dropping price of gas was too good to last.

Gas was expected to go up by three cents per litre by Friday morning, bringing it to around 76 cents per litre.

The raise bucks the recent trend of falling gas prices, but it's still much less than the price last year of \$1.12 per litre.

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Justice Minister Cecil Clarke walks into a news conference to announce the findings of an external audit on the corrections system on Thursday.

# Jail system guilty

## Report condemns 'inefficient' prisons

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**The government says it will accept all 51 recommendations from an audit that says Nova Scotia's jails are hurt by "cumbersome, inefficient processes."**

These problems caused many breakdowns — such as Nova Scotia accidentally releasing twice as many prisoners as the national average, according to the Deloitte audit released Thursday.

"We are changing the way we do business," said Justice Minister Cecil Clarke.

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**"This report is a dividing line between the way things were done in the past and the way they will be done in the future."**

Justice Minister Cecil Clarke

past and the way they will be done in the future."

Clarke put former police officer David Horner in charge of making sure all the recommendations are completed.

But at least one major part of the audit won't be pursued.

The report said having sheriffs and police splitting the duty of escorting prisoners around would be more efficient and cheaper.

Instead, jail guards will fill in for police, which

raises issues of safety and training. Clarke said getting police involved on a regular basis wasn't possible.

"We can't put undue pressure on the policing community and have other problems arise," he said.

The report was highly critical of some parts of the system.

In regards to processing prisoners, the prison report concluded "volume, confusion and absence of accountability have created a culture of non-compliance."

ance."

NDP justice critic Bill Estabrooks called it a "damning indictment of a system that's been badly mismanaged for a long time."

About 10 recommendations have already been completed since the report began in April and another 34 are underway, according to the minister.

But he didn't put a timeline on when any changes would be completed.

Some would need to be worked into next year's budget.

That's too slow for the jail guards' union.

"Our staffing concerns are immediate," said union president Jim Gosse.

"Until they're addressed, there's going to be breakdowns in the system."

# Maple Leaf agrees to settlement

**LISTERIA** When lawyers began filing class action lawsuits against Maple Leaf Foods in August claiming thousands of people had suffered from eating listeria-tainted cold cuts, company president Michael McCain fired back.

In internal e-mail memos to staff, McCain dismissed class action lawyers a "scourge" and painted some of the self-professed victims as opportunists making the "faintest, thinnest of claims of so called emotional stress or illness (tummy ache stuff)."

That tone changed yesterday when Maple Leaf settled the class action with victims of the listeria outbreak, committing to pay out between \$25 million and \$27 million in compensation.

Under the agreement, victims of listeria-induced stomach aches stand to receive potentially thousands of dollars from the company.

"Our goal throughout this legal process has been to negotiate a fair and early settlement so that we can obtain court approvals and promptly compensate families who were affected," McCain said in a statement. "This was a tragic experience and I want to acknowledge the co-operation of all the parties involved to ensure that people affected receive timely restitution."

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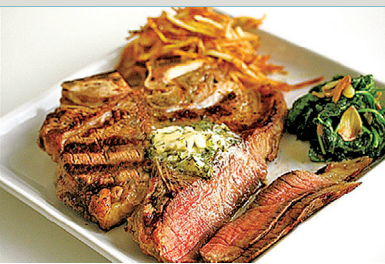
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**Environmental OK given for longwall coal mine exploration in Cape Breton**

Xtrata Ltd. has been given provincial environmental approval to begin exploring a longwall coal mine near Donkin, Cape Breton. It'll take three years; coal mining will happen in the second and third years, if the company meets environmental conditions. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## Local eatery in Canada's Top 10

Got a hankering for a really nice steak? Where magazine has voted Cut Steakhouse & Urban Grill on Salter Street, one of Canada's top 10 new restaurants of 2008. Others include Ottawa's Navarra, Nota Bene in Toronto and Olives in Calgary.

**METRO HALIFAX**

# Thief no match for homeowners

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**In this corner: A homeowner wearing blue long johns and socks. His challenger: A potential car thief with a knife.**

Ding ding!

Dave McBride of Cole Harbour was sitting on his couch reading flyers in a newspaper on Wednesday morning.

"I happened to lift my head up and look, and I saw a man jump into my car," he said.

His wife, Sherry, was getting her shoes on to go to work when her husband swore and ran past her. The couple work at the East Coast Forensic Hospital — Sherry is a nurse, and Dave is a developmental worker.

"He was rifling through the car and I said, 'What are you doing?' and he cursed a bit, then he tried to push past me to get

away."

The two men were evenly matched in size, said McBride, who calls himself a "six-footer-220." But McBride has a couple of cracked ribs from an injury at his job.

"I was afraid he'd start swinging more at me so I grabbed onto him," McBride said.

The two struggled on the lawn, McBride told his wife to call 911.

"His right hand got loose. I didn't see him, but Sherry started screaming that he's going for a knife."

The 47-year-old suspect had a hunting knife in a sheath on his waist. Sherry went for the knife while Dave struggled with the man, but he kicked her away.

That didn't stop Sherry — she waded back into the fray and got a hold of the knife. She threw it in the house where their two dogs, a golden retriev-

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX



Dave McBride stands next to his car in front of his Cole Harbour home on Thursday. McBride fought off a potential car thief and held him until police arrived on Wednesday morning.

er and a black lab, were trying to get out.

"It was kind of a YouTube moment laying there on the front lawn,

blue long johns, white socks and a T-shirt," McBride laughed.

Sherry went to get a neighbour, who helped re-

strained the man until police arrived.

"A couple of the officers said, 'Great job, thanks,'" McBride said.

## N.S. has 2nd worst rate of 'accidental releases'

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**CORRECTIONS** Nova Scotia's accidentally released twice as many offenders as the national average over the last three years, but at least we're not as bad as New Brunswick.

The findings come from a Deloitte report on Nova Scotia's corrections system that started in April after an inmate escaped from custody during a medical trip.

Over the past year, the system has repeatedly been in the news for accidentally releasing prisoners before they were supposed to be let go.

This has happened to 10 offenders over the past three years. There was an average of 377 people in prison over that time, meaning there were 2.65 accidental releases for every 100 prisoners.

That's more than twice the national average of 1.14 calculated by Deloitte. The firm compared Nova Scotia to B.C., Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

Nova Scotia had the second-worst rate of those provinces, behind only New Brunswick, who far and away lead the pack with more than 4.5 mistaken releases per 100 prisoners.

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## Mouthguard our idea, say defendants

**LAWSUIT** Two Truro businessmen being sued over a failed business venture to produce a technologically advanced mouthguard have filed a counterclaim with the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

In their statement of defence, dentist Anil Makkar and fitness instructor Chuck Sproule say two Halifax businessmen who are suing them were never involved in any material way with the conception, design, development, promotion, marketing or sale

### Protection

- The mouthguards sell for about \$2,000 and are currently being used by more than 200 professional athletes.

of the Pure Power Mouthguard.

Makkar and Sproule are the owners of Pure Power Athletics Group Inc. Their mouthguard is designed as a legal performance enhancer, which is said to improve strength and balance by placing the jaw in an op-

timal position.

Halifax businessmen Wayne Banfield and George Thomas have sued for damages and a profit analysis in what they say was a failed joint venture of a partnership. The pair allege Makkar and Sproule wrongly cut off dealings with them by setting up a separate company.

Makkar and Sproule say in their claim, however, that while they did have discussions with Banfield and Thomas to manufacture a prototype, involve-

ment was "on an informal basis with no commitment as to their participation in any future development."

Makkar and Sproule also argue the prototype mouthguard "did not adequately serve the Pure Power initiative and resulted in the breaking and cracking of a few mouthguards while being worn." Their claim asserts the two sides agreed upon a "mutual parting of the ways." No court date has been set.

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There will be a coroner's inquest into the Jan. 12, 2008 van crash near Bathurst, N.B. that killed eight people on their way home from a high-school basketball tournament. Coroners' inquests don't assign blame, but make recommendations to avoid similar accidents in future. **METRO HALIFAX**

## City firefighters red-hot in '08

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The Mooseheads might not be champions this year, but Halifax's firefighters are dominating their season.

This week firefighters presented their medals and trophies from a year of competitions to Fire Chief Bill Mosher.

"We repeated two (championships) we got last year and that's a hard task to ac-

complish," said Platoon Chief Michael Blackburn.

A Firefighter Combat Challenge national event was held in September in Ontario, but the Halifax team has gone all over the U.S. and Canada to compete.

It involves carrying a hose pack and gear up four flights of a training tower and then going through an obstacle course.

So what's the secret of success of the "Mighty Hal-

ifax" team?

"It's the support of the fire department: They built us a training tower," Blackburn said.

"We're on that course from May to September."

The team is making a very positive name for Halifax on an international stage at an elite level, said Mosher in a statement released yesterday.

"Halifax should be proud of their accomplishments," Mosher said.



Tiana Oliver-MacKinnon, a student at Oxford School, raises her hand to answer a question yesterday. Grade 3 students across the province fared better this year over 2007 in the early elementary mathematics assessment.

## N.S. Grade 3 math numbers improve

Assessment scores up by 5 per cent

KAMIA CREELMAN  
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**Nova Scotia's math scores are really adding up.**

Grade 3 math scores are up five per cent over last year's, according to Education Department statistics released yesterday. Seventy-two per cent of English students, and 79 per cent of students in the Acadian school board, made the grade in the province's 2008 early elementary mathematics assessment.

Education Minister Karen Casey said yesterday that's because the department put money into math. "Those dollars are starting to pay off."

There's a real focus on "hands-on" math as well as

**"Those dollars are starting to pay off."**

Education Minister Karen Casey on money put into math

"pencil to paper," Casey said.

Students will play out patterns with a deck of cards before picking the pencil up to work the patterns from memory.

She said it's important students play with concrete as well as mental problems.

Casey said teachers now have access to other teachers who are math experts, available to mentor one-on-one, or demonstrate strategies.

The province also man-

dated that students in grades three to nine must spend at least one hour a day doing math.

It's not fair, Casey said, if "one Johnny has 30 minutes of math a day and across town a luckier Johnny gets 50."

When Casey came to cabinet in 2006, the "Grade 12 math scores were dismal," she said. "Students just didn't have a good foundation."

She said Grade 3 is a good time to evaluate students' math skills because they've been in school long enough to learn, but young enough that the education system can still fix its mistakes before they graduate.

The kids will be reassessed in Grade 6, Casey said.

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# The gift of giving

Local campaign supplying goats to Sudan

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**Haligonian Jacob Deng knows the power of a goat: He once sold five of them to pay for boarding school when he was a child.**

Deng is one of the former Lost Boys of Sudan, more than 27,000 boys orphaned or displaced during a civil war in the country. He is now studying commerce at Saint Mary's University and raising money to buy goats for returning Sudanese refugees.

"It's the beginning of hope," he said. "A lot of people come back from refugee camps with nothing in their hands, especially young people like me with families."

A goat with a kid means milk and nutrition for the family. Then they can sell the offspring to buy medicine, schooling or use them for meat.

His fourth annual goat campaign just got started since Deng had to focus on his university exams earlier this month.

"We are now up to 300 goats since we started (four years ago)," he said.

He's also raising money to buy schools and his cause got two enormous — and spontaneous — donations last month.

Deng spoke at a professional fundraisers' luncheon last month. There was



A family in Sudan received goats last spring. Jacob Deng is renewing his fundraising campaign to give goats to refugees.

## Help for war refugees

- \$50 buys a goat for refugees coming back after 21 years of civil war in Sudan.
- Deng will travel home to Sudan to buy goats locally and distribute them in April.

- Last year, he bought 86 goats. Deng said they wanted to buy more but there was a conflict in the area at the time. Check out [www.wadeng.org](http://www.wadeng.org) to donate.

something in his speech that caused Paul McNair to stand up and pledge \$100,000 to Deng's cause, a personal donation spread out over several years.

"My partner and I aren't rich people," McNair said in an interview yesterday. "We just don't think it's a huge deal to go without one less dinner in a restaurant a month."

Deng said his mouth

hung open at McNair's announcement last month.

"I had the feeling that this wasn't real," Deng said.

"There weren't any dry eyes — every eye was wet in that room."

Then a woman stood up and said she'd like to donate a school from her charity.

"Hah, that was day," Deng said.

## Drink prices non-issue: Pictou MLA

**BOOZE** While an NDP member wants the province to set a minimum drink price at bars to discourage excessive drinking over the holidays, Pictou East MLA Clarrie MacKinnon doesn't see it as a problem in his riding.

"It's not a serious issue here in Pictou County — I think a lot of establishments don't go as low, price-wise, for the period of time as some of the establishments in Halifax actually do," said Mac-

Kinnnon.

Anthony Weatherby, manager at The Thistle in New Glasgow, said price wars at drinking establishments usually don't happen in Pictou County.

"There are definitely price wars in Halifax — I know because I was a student there for five years," he said. "We usually don't do cheap drinks. You can't do dollar drinks — it would cost you \$40 for a forty (ounce bottle of liquor)." **METRO HALIFAX**

## Workplace accident list available to the public

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for Metro Halifax

**EMPLOYERS** Data released by the Workers Compensation Board of Nova Scotia has listed employers and companies with the highest rates of workplace accidents.

Board spokeswoman Mary Kingston said making the data public should encourage employers to improve workplace safety.

The data show that workplace injury levels stayed fairly consistent until 2008, when a new surcharge program was introduced.

The program works like car insurance. Employers pay a fee to the board, and if their level of workplace injury is 200 per cent higher than other firms in the same industry over a certain number of years, they must pay a surcharge. The amount goes up every year the company is on the surcharge list.

About half the companies that had to pay surcharges in 2008 have dropped off the list for 2009, meaning they've had fewer injury claims.

Most of the companies with the highest number of claims are located outside the Halifax area.

Kingston said that the number of injuries can look deceiving on paper if the number of employees a company has is not taken into account.

Clearwater Seafoods' fish processing division will pay a surcharge in 2009; its employees made 634 claims in the last five years. Air Canada employees, in the same period, made 417 injury claims, and the airline will also pay a surcharge.

Doug Hadley, spokesman for the Halifax Regional School Board, says the school board employs around 3,500 people. The data show that 153 injury claims were made by employees in 2007.

"Predominately, the injuries are to backs from lifting things and shoulders. We had some slip and falls," he says.

The school board was not among those paying the surcharge.

## Food bank Slam dunk



Halifax Rainmen players Jimmy Twyman, left, and Glen Dandridge load Christmas hampers into a car outside the Parker Street food bank on Thursday. Rainmen players and coaches joined up with other community members to help pack and distribute the hampers.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### School Review: St. Patrick's-Alexandra

The Halifax Regional School Board is currently conducting a school review of St. Patrick's-Alexandra School, a grade Primary to nine school in Halifax.

In accordance with the *Education Act and Regulations*, an Impact Assessment Report has been prepared looking at potential options regarding the future of the school.

A Study Committee has been formed and responded to the *Impact Assessment Report*.

As part of the process, the school board will hold public meetings to give the public an opportunity to make representations to the Study Committee's response.

The meetings will take place at the following times:

**Monday, January 12, 2009, 7 p.m.**  
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**Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 7 p.m.**  
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Members of the public interested in making a representation should contact the Halifax Regional School Board at 464-2000 ext. 2321 or by e-mailing [corporatesecretary@hrsb.ns.ca](mailto:corporatesecretary@hrsb.ns.ca).



A copy of the *Impact Assessment Report* and the Study Committee's response can be found on the board's web site at [www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1030.html](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/content/id/1030.html) or by contacting the board using the information listed above.

A decision on the school review of St. Patrick's-Alexandra School will be made by the school board no later than March 31, 2009.

The board could decide, among other things, to:

- keep the school open;
- consolidate the school, or a part of the school, with another public school; or
- permanently close the school.



**Australian Pink Floyd Show on at Metro Centre** What's Pink Floyd without a little lasers and inflatables? The Australian Pink Floyd Show is presenting The Wall for \$45 a ticket at the Metro Centre on Saturday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Hubley kid to skate alongside all-stars

## 11-year-old wins weekend trip to Montreal

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for Metro Halifax

**Make room, Crosby!** Another homegrown pair of skates has coasted into the all-stars lineup. On Jan. 25, in front of 20,000 fans, Hubley's 11-year-old Michael Anthony will stand on the ice — in an official NHL all-stars uniform — next to his heroes Sidney Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin, and belt out the national anthem.

"I'll yell my hardest," Anthony said. "I'm a good singer, if breaking glass counts."

**"I am amazingly, unbelievably, outrageously excited."**

Michael Anthony, 11

Anthony, along with 12 other young Canadian players, won the hockey lottery: He was picked in an online draw for an all-expenses-paid weekend with the all-star teams in Montreal, as part of MacDonald's annual In the Lineup program.

"I am amazingly, unbelievably, outrageously excited," Anthony said. "I just flipped out when I heard."

In addition to singing the



Michael Anthony poses in front of the net in his driveway, anticipating Jan. 25, when he'll join the NHL All-Stars on the ice.

anthem with the teams, Anthony gets new gear and an on-ice clinic, and dinner with two NHL all-stars. He also gets the chance to slash sticks and try to check his heroes against the boards in a scrimmage with the teams.

He's excited to play with

Ovechkin, left-winger for the Washington Capitals.

"He's probably the best hitter in the NHL," he said.

Anthony's dad Ken thought it was a practical joke when his wife, Bev, called to tell him the news.

"Yeah, right," he said, and hung up on her.

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Four people died and three were injured in a Wednesday fire in Nipawin, Sask. A six-year-old boy and his twin sister died. A woman, 21, and a man of unknown age also died. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## CSIS listening in

Spy agency monitors calls between suspects and lawyers

Canada's spy service has been listening to telephone conversations between terrorism suspects and their lawyers for the past 18 months as part of a strict monitoring program developed by the government.

The revelation yesterday enraged defence lawyers who argue that intercepting these calls breaches the fundamental right of solicitor-client privilege.

"I feel as though my house was broken into," said Toronto lawyer Barb Jackman. "It's incredibly invasive."

The issue arose in the case of Egyptian refugee Mohamed Zeki Mahjoub, who is accused of conspiring with al-Qaida and has fought the government's attempts to deport him for the past eight years.

Mahjoub's case is one of five under the controversial immigration law known as

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Marlys Edwardh, lawyer

"national security certificates."

In April 2007, Mahjoub was released on stringent bail conditions after seven years in custody. Mahjoub's lawyers recently became concerned that their calls were also being monitored and pressed for answers.

On Wednesday, a senior agent with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service testified in a secret Ottawa hearing that the agency was monitoring calls on behalf of the Canadian Border Services Agency.

Justice Carolyn Layden-Stevenson released a two-page public summary of the testimony this morning in a Toronto courtroom. It noted that calls to lawyers are

monitored, "to the extent of being satisfied that the communication does not involve a potential breach of the terms of release or a threat to national security."

"It is a privilege of the highest order and protected at the highest levels," said Jackman's co-counsel, Toronto lawyer Marlys Edwardh, regarding communication between lawyers and their clients. "It is a principle of fundamental justice itself."

Edwardh said she cannot continue with the case until lawyers' calls are no longer monitored and planned to ask Justice Layden-Stevenson for an order on Friday.

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### Quebec Cabinet strikes gender equality



Quebec Premier Jean Charest, centre, stands up after posing with his newly appointed cabinet at the National Assembly in Quebec City on Thursday. Half of the 26 cabinet ministers are women.

### News in brief

**HEALTH** Health Canada urged parents Thursday not to give over-the-counter cold medicines to children under the age of six, citing concern over misuse and overdoses. Labels will be mandatory next year.

**VANCOUVER** Police have gone undercover in the city's Downtown Eastside posing as seniors to halt robberies of

older men in the area. Muggings have decreased 59 per cent since the project began two months ago.

**BABIES** A one-time set of steroid injections for pregnant women at risk of giving birth prematurely can head off major problems for the baby, but more injections give no benefit, Canadian researchers said.

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### Federal deficit could hit \$30B

**ECONOMY** Prime Minister Stephen Harper plans a stimulus package to rescue the economy that will drive the federal budget deficit to between \$20 billion and \$30 billion next year, according to a senior government official. The spending would include a bailout package for struggling automakers.

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EU farm ministers overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to lift Europe's 11-year ban on U.S. poultry imports despite strict conditions designed to ensure consumer safety. A dispute over chlorine-washed chickens has soured the European Union's relations with the United States, its largest trading partner, since the EU embargo was imposed in 1997. **REUTERS**

# World



## Breakfast eaters healthier

Breakfast may be the most important meal of the day — as long as that meal is not a doughnut, according to a new study. In a survey of U.S. adults, researchers found that people who ate lower-calorie foods for breakfast tended to have a better diet overall. Men who ate a healthy breakfast generally weighed less. Among women, breakfast eaters — regardless of the food involved — tended to weigh less. **REUTERS**

## Liberals slam Russian laws

Russian liberals have appealed to President Dmitry Medvedev to veto a set of new laws they say could lead to purges reminiscent of the Stalin era.

The government has submitted to parliament, which is dominated by the pro-Kremlin United Russia party, a bill that broadens the interpretation of treason and espionage to include "acts against the constitutional order."

Opponents say this could open the door to arbitrary trials against dissenters at home, whereas the narrower definition was used exclusively to describe co-operation with foreign intelligence services.

Parliament also adopted a law under which a single

**"Dozens of people could be jailed or evicted."**

Letter to the Novaya Gazeta newspaper

judge, rather than a jury, will decide in trials of treason, espionage, terrorism, hostage-taking, mutinies, sabotage and civil unrest.

"Dozens of innocent people could be jailed or evicted," leading liberals said in a letter in the independent Novaya Gazeta paper.

Russian human-rights campaigners have accused former president Vladimir Putin of backtracking on democratic reforms and turning Russia into a police state. **REUTERS**

## Paris Demanding release of political prisoners



Singer Jane Birkin speaks as, from left, Tina Kieffer, editor of French women's magazine Marie-Claire, and director Yamina Benguigui listen at a protest Thursday in Paris. They are demanding the freedom of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and other political prisoners. **REUTERS/ARND BRONKHORST**

### News in brief

**INDIA** The government rushed a new law through parliament Thursday that will allow police to hold suspects for up to 180 days without charge, a move

legal officials said is an attempt to allay public anger over the Mumbai attacks. India's lower house of parliament unanimously passed the

bill on Wednesday, as well as one to create a national police agency similar to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States. **REUTERS**

## Keep ties with Russia, Bush urges

**POLITICS** Preparing to leave office, U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday advised his successor to try to stay friends with Russia despite disagreements.

"There's common interest and there's going to be a lot of tensions," Bush said. "The president has got to be in a position where he can deal with those tensions in a way that doesn't send chilling signals with other allies."

Bush famously said after meeting former president Vladimir Putin in 2001 that he trusted the Russian leader after gaining a "sense of his soul." Putin, who is now prime minister but still thought to effectively run the country, later clashed with Bush on several issues. **REUTERS**

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The last statue of former dictator Francisco Franco on public display in mainland Spain was removed from view yesterday, 33 years after his death began the country's transition to democracy. **REUTERS**

## Inquiry admits attack flawed

**GEORGIA** A Georgian parliamentary inquiry has said the military conduct during its August conflict with Russia was flawed, but backed President Mikheil Saakashvili's attack on the breakaway South Ossetia region.

The report echoed domestic criticism of the military performance in the five-day war, in which the Russian army drove Georgian security forces from pro-Moscow South Ossetia and advanced to within 45 kilometres of the capital Tbilisi.

**REUTERS**

## Illinois won't foot legal bill

**The top legal officer in Illinois told Gov. Rod Blagojevich on Thursday the state will not pay for his defence against charges he tried to sell president-elect Barack Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat.**

The Democratic governor had piled up significant legal bills from a five-year federal investigation even before being charged last week with conspiring to bribe and commit fraud in a scheme to swap political favours, including the choice of Obama's replacement, for cash, jobs or other considerations.

### Distraction

• The scandal has been a distraction for Obama and his team as he announces cabinet choices and lays out plans for dealing with the recession and other crises once he becomes president Jan. 20.

Federal prosecutors may also try to freeze the governor's \$3-million US-plus campaign fund so he cannot use it for his defence, Blagojevich's lawyer Edward Genson said.

Through his lawyers the

two-term governor, 52, has denied any wrongdoing and refused to resign.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan issued a letter signed by her chief of staff, telling Genson the state will not pay to defend Blagojevich against either the criminal charges or the impeachment inquiry now in its third day in the state legislature. Genson had said the reimbursement was warranted because the charges and the impeachment probe were triggered by things that happened in the course of carrying out official business. **REUTERS**

## Bill Clinton donor list revealed

**CHARITY** The governments of Saudi Arabia and Norway and billionaires Bill Gates and Haim Saban are among the biggest donors to former U.S. president Bill Clinton's foundation, a list released yesterday showed.

Clinton made public the names of about 200,000 contributors to his foundation.

The two largest donors, each listed as giving more than \$25 million US, were the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, a London-based charity, and UNICEF, the UN drug purchase facility fighting AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Other donors included Saudi Arabia and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**MIDDLE EAST** The door is open for direct talks between Israel and Syria and a peace deal between the two longtime foes is

achievable, outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Thursday.

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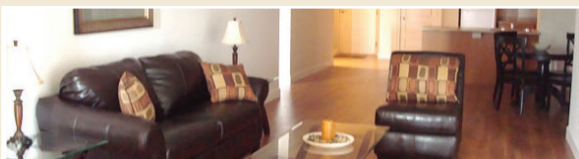
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**War-crimes tribunal seeks another suspect**

The UN war-crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia hopes Bosnian Serb Ratko Mladic can be caught in time to put him on trial with his old political leader Radovan Karadzic, the chief prosecutor said Thursday. **REUTERS**

world **13****Iraq most deadly for journalists**

**FATALITIES** Iraq remained the deadliest country for journalists in 2008 for the sixth consecutive year with 11 journalists killed, according to an annual analysis by the Committee to Protect Journalists.

All those killed this year were local reporters working for domestic news outlets. That was down from a record 32 deaths in Iraq in each of the prior two years, according to the group. Worldwide, 41 journalists were killed this year in connection to their work.

**REUTERS****Castro offers prisoner swap**

**Cuban President Raul Castro proposed yesterday a swap of prisoners with the United States as a goodwill "gesture" to pave the way for talks with incoming U.S. president Barack Obama.**

His offer to release political dissidents in exchange for the release of five convicted Cuban spies in U.S. prisons was the most specific proposal yet to ease ties with the United States since Obama, who takes office Jan. 20, was elected.

Castro's comments are likely to fuel growing expectations in Latin Ameri-

**A better deal for Cuba**

- On Tuesday, 33 Latin American and Caribbean leaders urged Obama to lift the embargo on Cuba as soon as he takes office. They also demanded the immediate lifting of measures taken in the past five years by President George W. Bush to toughen the embargo against Cuba, where Fidel Castro seized power in 1959.

ca that the Obama administration will help thaw U.S.-Cuba ties that have been frozen since Washington imposed an economic embargo in 1962.

"Let's do gesture for gesture," Castro told reporters in Brazil.

"These prisoners you

talk about — they want us to let them go? They should tell us tomorrow. We'll send them with their families and everything. Give us back our five heroes. That is a gesture on both parts," he said, referring to the convicted Cuban spies.

**REUTERS****Bush 'impressed' with Obama**

**POLITICS** President George W. Bush said yesterday he would not be second-guessing Barack Obama's decisions after he hands over the White House keys next month.

Bush would not reveal what he and Obama discussed at their private Oval Office meeting after the November election, but said, "I was impressed by

the questions he asked."

"And I've told him I wouldn't reveal them so that if he ever asked for my advice again, he would feel comfortable doing it, knowing that it wouldn't be out there for public consumption," Bush said at a question-and-answer session hosted by the American Enterprise Institute.

**REUTERS****News in brief**

**MADOFF CASE** Marc Litt, assistant U.S. attorney, has been named the federal prosecutor in the Bernard Madoff case af-

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## Comment

# Trapped in a mid-century nightmare

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Suburbia has been, for three generations at least, the social equivalent of pork rinds or supermarket tabloids — something no one has a good word for, though it continues to exist, even thrive, in

spite of blanket condemnation by those who “know better.”

Moviegoers are getting a chance to revisit this spacious, tree-lined hell this Christmas with the release of *Revolutionary Road*, the Oscar favourite that reunites Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio, and allows director Sam Mendes to take another swing at the same target he savaged almost a decade ago with *American Beauty*.

Based on Richard Yates' 1961 novel, it's the story of the Wheelers, Frank and

April, who have somehow managed to take up residence in that epicentre of middle-class despair — the post-war, northeastern commuter suburb — while presuming themselves much better than the “hopeless emptiness” they see everywhere. Or not — there wouldn't be much of a story if they didn't realize, with a shock, that they've become trapped in that most awful of mid-century nightmares (in mid-century novels, at least): Material comfort and routine.

Yates' book was one of the first to define the conventional wisdom on suburbs, a viewpoint voiced almost entirely by people who don't live there, and echoed vociferously by the young people who claim to have “escaped” them — an image that requires us to equate freeways with barbed-wire fences, and malls with guard towers.

In the conventional wisdom, the greatest threat posed by suburbs is that they have the temerity to grow, or “sprawl,” in urban studies jargon, which sums

up the paradox of the suburban problem: That people actually want to live in these terrible places, no matter how many novels, movies, magazine articles or learned studies condemn them.

It requires that we look at suburbs as places that never change, or that their essence is frozen in the mid-century form described by Yates and others — an eternal Levittown, where the saplings never turn into trees, and no one ever puts a skate ramp in the pool or builds a grow-

op in the rec room.

In his zeal to reprise his suburb-bashing, Mendes was probably blind to how his tragedy would actually play. Most people will probably watch *Revolutionary Road* and envy Frank and April's cute home with its very collectible period furnishings and the woods across the road and wonder if they could move in tomorrow, hopeless emptiness be damned.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## Views

# Fage's power of political kryptonite strong as ever

## UrbanCompass



Oh, Rodney MacDonald, what did you do to Ernie Fage in a past life?

Back in the day, Fage had to be involved in potato-based scandals or flee the scene of a car crash to embarrass the government. Not anymore. Now his mere existence somehow manages to make the Mac-

Donald Tories look bad.

This week, the NDP says it stumbled into a patronage-appointment scheme when Finance Minister Michael Baker accidentally called NDP MLA John MacDonell to ask about an “appointment for Ernie.”

Baker meant to call the other John MacDonell, the chief of staff to Defence Minister Peter MacKay. Whoops. But Baker says he was only asking about a project on behalf of Fage.

We'll never know for sure what was said. Maybe the Tories are right, and if you want to get a project funded in your area, all

you have to do is call your MLA. Who will call the finance minister. Who — while on vacation — will call the defence minister's chief of staff. Who will call the defence minister. Who will fund your project.

Piece o' cake.

Then again, the provincial Tories are prepping for a sure-to-be fierce election. Fage plans to run again in his riding as an independent. It would certainly be a kick in the premier's teeth if Fage caused the Tories to lose a valuable seat.

If only there were some way to convince him not to run. Some sort of high-pay-

ing position he could be “appointed” to.

And, at that moment, the stars aligned and Stephen Harper decided he would appoint 18 new senators. Because of its geographical mandate, three of those senators have to be from Nova Scotia.

But hey, this is all just speculation. The premier doesn't deny members of his government have been talking with the feds about Senate appointments. He does deny pushing for a Senator Fage. If Fage ever was up for consideration, he sure isn't any more.

All we really know for

sure is that Ernie Fage was sent to this earth to torment Rodney MacDonald.

Though he isn't even in the PC party anymore, his powers of political kryptonite seem to be as strong as ever. And to think, the opposition almost had to go a full year without the government getting linked to something reckless and embarrassing.

Then there was that one wrong number. That's what I call a Christmas miracle.

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Chrysler says it will not abandon its involvement in the NASCAR racing circuit, but will reduce spending by about one-third. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Auto parts' profit drops \$1B, lowest in 10 years

**Profits at Canadian auto parts makers are expected to drop by 38 per cent to about \$1 billion in 2008, the lowest level in nearly a decade, the Conference Board of Canada said yesterday.**

The board's outlook is based on an 18 per cent drop in production by automakers as demand for cars and trucks falls.

"Canadian auto parts manufacturers continue to see their production con-

tracts slashed because of weaker demand for new vehicles in the United States," said Sabrina Browarski, an economist at the Conference Board, in a note.

"However, massive cost-cutting of more than C\$4 billion will enable the auto parts industry as a whole to stay in the black this year." The board said further declines in profit levels are expected in 2009.

The industry shed 12,800

jobs in 2007, and the board expects another 10,800 jobs to be cut in 2008 and 2009 combined. **REUTERS**

### The good news

• An anticipated recovery in U.S. demand beginning in 2010 would allow for an eventual rebound in auto parts production, the board said.

### Business in brief

**OIL** A combination of declining oil prices, lower crude demand and production cuts will cost OPEC another \$151 billion in

lost oil export revenue next year, the U.S. government's top energy forecasting agency said yesterday.

**MARKETS** U.S. crude prices dropped more than nine per cent to \$36 a barrel yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Brian Burke told a Vancouver newspaper Thursday that he was upset he was not invited to Trevor Linden's jersey retirement ceremony Wednesday. Burke was the Canucks assistant GM when Linden was drafted in 1988, and was GM while Linden played there for several seasons. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Burke hurt by non-invite**

# Sports

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## Whitt, Morneau in for WBC

Ernie Whitt, left, will manage Canada's team at next year's World Baseball Classic, while Minnesota Twins all-star first baseman Justin Morneau has been named the squad's first player. The March 5-23 World Baseball Classic will be played in several cities around the world, including Toronto. Canada opens play March 7 against the U.S. at Rogers Centre. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Philadelphia Flyers' Glen Metropolit collides with Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak Thursday night. Montreal won 5-2.

# Habs knock off Flyers

**NHL ROUNDUP**

**CANADIENS 5, FLYERS 2**  
Sergei Kostitsyn, Steve Begin and Guillaume Latendresse each posted a goal and an assist as the Montreal Canadiens knocked off the Philadelphia Flyers 5-2 at the Bell Centre.

Alex Kovalev and Matt D'Agostini also lit the lamp for the Canadiens, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Robert Lang recorded two assists, while Jaroslav Halak made 29 saves.

Arron Asham registered a goal and an assist for the Flyers, who had won five games in a row, one shy of their season-high.

**BRUINS 8, LEAFS 5**  
David Krejci netted his first career hat trick and Phil Kessel continued his amazing points streak with two goals and an assist as Boston beat Toronto 8-5, securing its 12th straight home win.

Marc Savard added a goal and three assists for the Bruins, who won for the eighth time in nine games to move their record to 22-5-4, tops in the Eastern Conference. Their current home win streak is the longest since

a 16-game run during the 1975-76 season.

Alexei Ponikarovsky, Nik Antropov, Mikhail Grabovski, Jason Blake and Pavel Kubina scored for Toronto.

**PENS 6, THRASHERS 3**  
Evgeni Malkin finished with two goals and two assists as the Pittsburgh Penguins doubled the Atlanta Thrashers 6-3 at Philips Arena.

Jordan Staal, Matt Cooke, Philippe Boucher and Miroslav Satan each scored once for the Penguins, who won for just the second time in the past six games.

Bryan Little, Marty Reasoner and Colby Armstrong tallied a goal apiece for the Thrashers.

Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby chalked up two assists.

**WINGS 6, SHARKS 0**  
Pavel Datsyuk collected two goals two helpers and Ty Conklin stopped all 24 San Jose shots as the Detroit Red Wings handed the Sharks their first regulation loss since Nov. 9 in convincing fashion, 6-0 at Joe Louis Arena.

Marian Hossa had a goal and an assist for Detroit.

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## Sundin picks Vancouver

JEFF HODSON  
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**NHL** Mats Sundin is the newest member of the Vancouver Canucks, general manager Mike Gillis announced Thursday afternoon. The 37-year-old free agent centre was signed to a one-year, pro-rated \$10-million deal, according to media reports.

"I am truly excited to be joining the Canucks," Sundin said in a statement. "Once I made the decision to return to play a few weeks ago, the Vancouver opportunity was simply the best overall fit."

Sundin, who is at his home in Sweden for Christmas, will be in Vancouver Dec. 27.

There is no timeline for him to enter the lineup, Gillis said, and he will be treated like any other player returning from injury or absence.

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Pittsburgh 6 Atlanta 3  
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#### NFL

##### YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Indianapolis 31, Jacksonville 24

# Let the games begin

## Rainmen hit the road to begin PBL pre-season schedule

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### All aboard!

The Halifax Rainmen will load up a couple vans Saturday at 10 a.m. and head to Quebec City for their first Premier Basketball League exhibition game on Sunday.

It's an all-too-familiar 1,000-kilometre, 10-hour haul for Cordell Jeanty, a newcomer to the Rainmen.

"Oh man," groaned Jeanty, who travelled to play the Rainmen last season as a member of the American Basketball Association's Montreal Royal. "It's never fun. That trip alone takes a lot out of you, but it's something you've got to do."

Travel aside, the Rainmen are stoked about playing an actual game for the first time since training camp opened on Dec. 2. An intra-squad contest last Saturday hardly counts, nor do the harsh conditioning drills of coach Rick Lewis.

Jeanty, a 6-foot-5 forward, will face one of his former teams, the Quebec City Kebs, on Sunday. He played for the Kebs, then the Kebekwa, in 2006-07, before joining the Montreal Royals in 2007-08. He was an ABA all-star both years.

He said the Rainmen,



Halifax forward Cordell Jeanty is looking forward to showing the rest of the PBL that the Rainmen are for real this season.

who didn't do much damage with an 11-20 record last season, want to "make a statement."

Jeanty said some of his

former Kebs teammates, such as former Laval Rouge et Or all-Canadian Charles Fortier, have no idea what kind of team the

### Did you know?

- Cordell Jeanty is not related to Osvaldo Jeanty, a perennial MVP who won five straight titles with the Carleton Ravens at the Final 8 Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's basketball championship in Halifax from 2003-07.

Rainmen have assembled.

"We want to go in and let teams know we're for real, and that we're not the Halifax Rainmen from last season, for the teams that already know us," said the 29-year-old Toronto native. "We're here to win a championship."

The Rainmen return home next week and play four straight exhibition games from Dec. 26 to 29 at The Tower. While the Rainmen are overflowing with players that would have been all-star calibre in last year's ABA, the pre-season games are pivotal for the individuals to mesh as a team.

So far, so good, according to Jeanty.

"Man, we couldn't ask for a (better) group of guys — everybody is getting along," Jeanty said.

"We all have to buy into the coach's system, and so far it looks like we're doing that. If we keep pushing, we'll get better every day."

## Local scout Matheson dies at age 55

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Longtime hockey scout Donnie Matheson died in his sleep at his Dartmouth home early Thursday. He was 55.

Matheson, who was an original member of the Halifax Mooseheads' management staff, most recently served as an NHL scout Matheson with the Boston Bruins and as the director of recruiting for the QMJHL's Moncton Wildcats.

"We are deeply shocked at this tragic news," Wildcats general manager Bill Schurman said in a release. "We've lost a great friend and supporter. The hockey world is saddened."

Added fellow colleague and former NHL coach Ted Nolan: "I will cherish the memory of Donnie's laughter."

Matheson, a Glace Bay native who moved to Dartmouth in 1974, began scouting in his 20s with the QMJHL's Sherbrooke Beavers, before shifting to the Ontario Hockey League with Belleville and Sault Ste. Marie.

Matheson was hired as chief scout of the Mooseheads when the franchise was founded in 1994.



## Mooseheads travel to Sydney for Round 5 of Battle of Nova Scotia

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The Halifax Mooseheads will look to strike back when the Battle of Nova Scotia resumes Friday night in Sydney.

The Mooseheads face the

Cape Breton Screaming Eagles at 7 p.m. at Centre 200, looking for their first victory against their provincial rivals this season.

Cape Breton has wiped out Halifax with four wins in four games, with a combined scoring edge of 18-9. Mooseheads rookie Math-

ieu Corbeil is expected to make his fourth consecutive start in goal as veteran Mark Yetman rests a mild groin injury. Corbeil, 17, has allowed 16 goals on 90 shots in three losses with Yetman on the shelf.

Eric Louis-Seize (shoulder) is expected to return to

the lineup, while Matt Boland (shoulder) won't play.

The Mooseheads have lost four straight. This is their final game before a seven-day holiday break. They are four points out of the QMJHL basement with a 10-23-2 record.

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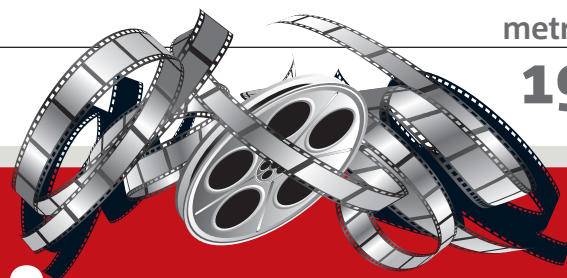
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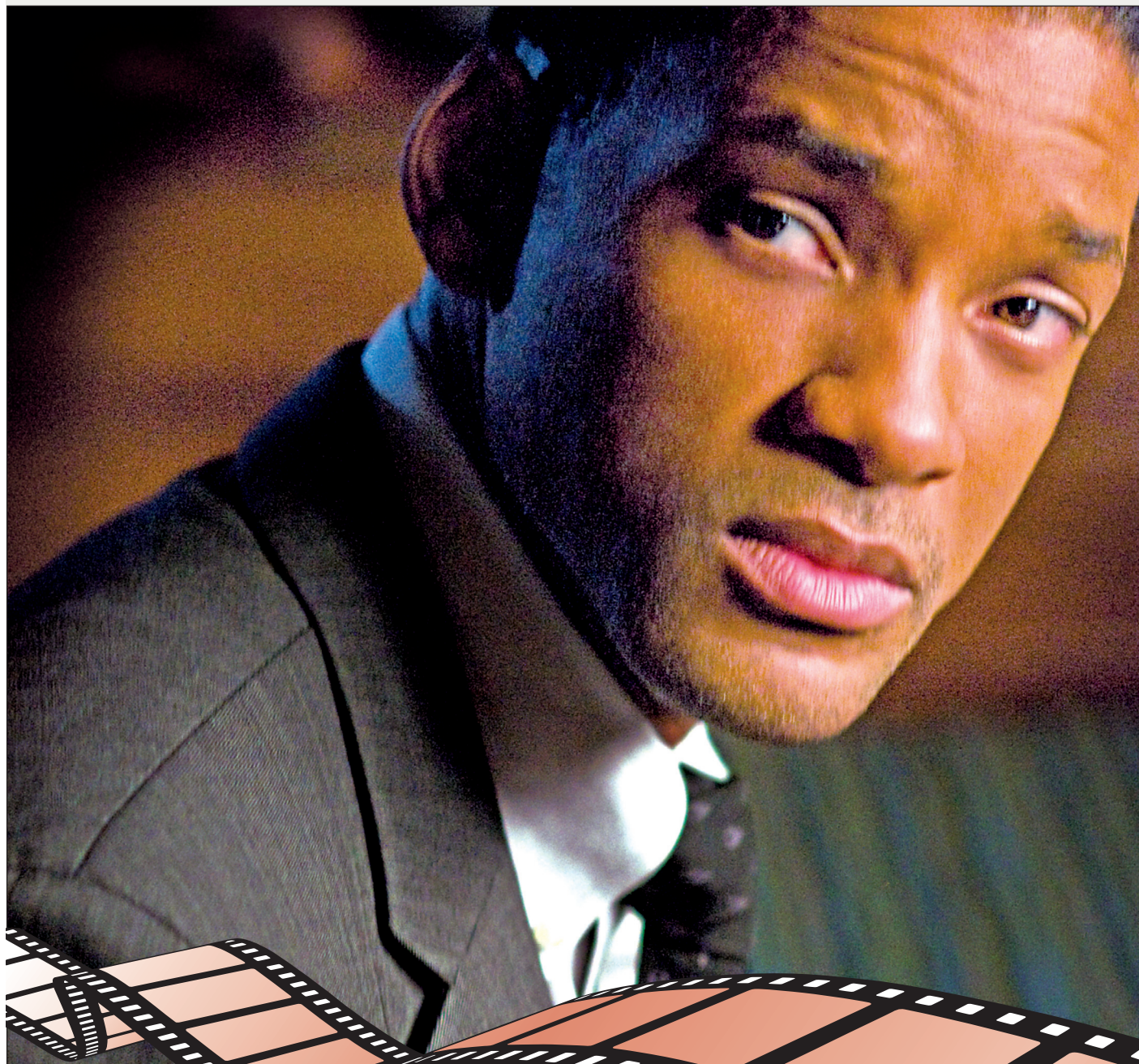
# Movies & Entertainment

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## Movies

### A new man

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Will Smith's character is armed with sunken eyes and a haunted posture — these are the hallmarks of the traumatized man he plays in the new drama *Seven Pounds*. Smith's committed to giving us a 180-degree turn from his usual charming go-getters.

## movie

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*Yes Man* shows Carrey back at humble, funny roots.

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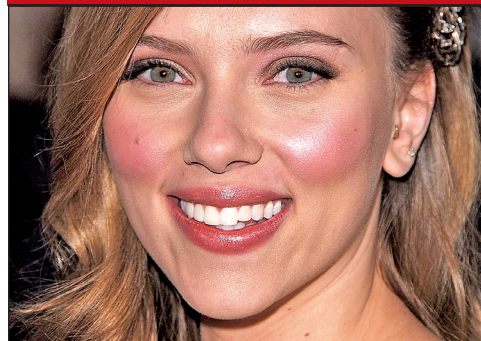
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Fall Out Boy, no strangers to celebrity, are fighting back.

## 7th heaven

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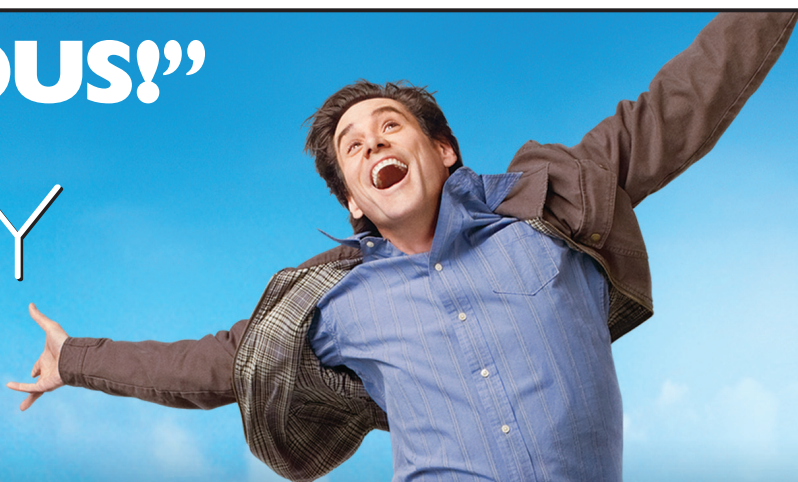


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# Seven Pounds weighs on viewers

## Seven Pounds

**Director:** Gabriele Muccino  
**Stars:** Will Smith, Rosario Dawson  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** ●●

ROBERT ABELE  
for Metro Canada



**It's an unusual sight, Will Smith looking uncomfortable in his own skin, armed with sunken eyes and a haunted posture.**

These are the hallmarks of the traumatized character he plays in the new drama *Seven Pounds* — and as committed as the box office star is to giving us a 180-degree turn from his usual charming go-getters, the movie around him is something of an overly manipulative, good-for-you slog.

Smith stars as Ben Thomas, a man in full-on suffering from the emotional after-effects of a traumatic incident, the details of which the movie



Will Smith stars in the drama *Seven Pounds*.

keeps hidden till the end, but aren't hard to ascertain.

Spurred to seek redemption, he takes it upon himself to intrude upon and help the lives of seven carefully chosen people, including a hospitalized boy, a blind call centre worker (Woody Harrelson), and a beautiful cardiac patient (Rosario Dawson).

Dawson's character, an artisan typesetter with a bum heart and financial problems, naturally becomes the unsuspecting catalyst to Ben's accepting love in his austere determined life.

Rather than lay all their cards on the table as to what Ben is up to, screenwriter Grant Nieporte and director Gabriele Muccino

traffic in ersatz suspense, keeping the nature of Ben's sacrificial charity mission secret so that the love story carries maximum tearjerk power when it reaches its twist ending.

It's an audience game that diverts our energies away from the human emotions, though.

And unfortunately, the big reveal is no surprise, and even comes off as faintly ludicrous and bizarre, something for an episode of *Ripley's Believe It or Not* rather than a touching drama of two souls — each with a different version of a broken heart — finding each other.

It's all especially dispiriting considering how well Smith and director Muccino worked on their previous collaboration, the emotionally tense and genuinely uplifting *The Pursuit of Happyness*. Smith and Dawson are fine actors, but they're trapped in a movie in which they're more pawns than people.

## Doubt leads SAG nominations

**AWARDS** Film drama *Doubt* led all nominees for Screen Actors Guild awards yesterday with five nominations overall, including for best ensemble cast, even as talk of a possible strike cast a cloud over the awards.

Joining *Doubt*, about a Catholic priest and nun engaged in a battle of wits over charges of sexual abuse, in the race for best ensemble cast were *Milk*, about slain gay rights leader Harvey Milk, and *The Curious Case of Ben-*

jamin Button, which tells of a man who ages backward. Those movies each earned three SAG award nods.

*Slumdog Millionaire*, a tale of romance and money set in India, and *Frost/Nixon*, which recounts the interviews of disgraced former U.S. president Richard Nixon by British TV host David Frost, also saw their actors land in the race for best ensemble cast and pulled down two nominations apiece.

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## SAG nominees

- Actor: Richard Jenkins, *The Visitor*; Frank Langella, *Frost/Nixon*; Sean Penn, *Milk*; Brad Pitt, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*; Mickey Rourke, *The Wrestler*.
- Actress: Anne Hathaway, *Rachel Getting Married*; Angelina Jolie, *Changeling*; Melissa Leo, *Frozen River*; Meryl Streep, *Doubt*; Kate Winslet, *Revolutionary Road*.
- Supporting actor: Josh Brolin, *Milk*; Robert Downey Jr., *Tropic Thunder*; Philip Seymour Hoffman, *Doubt*; Heath

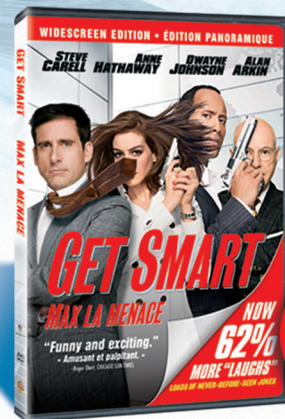
Ledger, *The Dark Knight*; Dev Patel, *Slumdog Millionaire*.

- Supporting actress: Amy Adams, *Doubt*; Penelope Cruz, *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*; Viola Davis, *Doubt*; Taraji P. Henson, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*; Kate Winslet, *The Reader*.
- Cast: *Doubt*, *Frost/Nixon*, *Milk*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*.
- Stunt ensemble: *The Dark Knight*, *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, *Iron Man*, *Wanted*.

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## Writer pleased Valkyrie finally found its wings

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



**FEATURE** Christopher McQuarrie is as shocked as anyone that *Valkyrie* found its wings. In fact, the award-winning filmmaker — mostly regarded for writing *The Usual Suspects* — never even expected his latest movie to get off the ground.

“Scripts like this, I write them and put them in a drawer,” admitted McQuarrie — who also co-produced *Valkyrie* — during a recent phone interview.

The true story of an inside assassination plot against Adolf Hitler in 1944, *Valkyrie* is definitely the sort of film Hollywood generally shuns like the plague. So what inspired the scribe to script a story he assumed wasn’t sellable?

“The thing that really amazed me was that the assassination itself was not the end of the story,” said McQuarrie. “Once you’ve killed Hitler, you’ve only just started and now what you have to do is take over his government.



Tom Cruise stars in *Valkyrie*.

“The challenge of history is not how it ends, it’s how to give that ending meaning...what these men did and the sacrifices they made ultimately brings this movie to what I feel is a really satisfying conclusion.”

Lucky for McQuarrie, his *Usual Suspects* director Bryan Singer (who also helmed *X-Men* and *Superman Returns*) shared that sentiment. Throw in Tom Cruise — who plays Stauffenberg, the fascinating mind behind the assassination plot — and there was no looking back for McQuarrie and *Valkyrie*.

*Valkyrie* opens Christmas day across Canada.

## Where there's a Will people

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Will Smith is the world’s biggest movie star: Nobody can

touch him. Cruise jumped on the couch, Clooney’s movies don’t make any money and Hanks appears to be in semi-retirement. Only Johnny Depp comes close and he is a distant second.

Last year Big Willie took home \$80 million and became the first actor to have eight consecutive movies break the \$100 million mark at the box office, but despite all that success a couple of key qualifiers have eluded his grasp.

His home is probably beautiful, but no movie star abode is complete without an Oscar or Golden Globe on the mantle. Cruise has three Globes, Clooney an Oscar and Tom



Will Smith has won acclaim, but he still hasn’t earned an Oscar.

Hanks could start a petting zoo with all his Academy Awards.

Smith has none but it’s not for lack of trying.

He’s best known for playing cops and agents but in his first big screen role, *Six Degrees of Separation*, he played a gay con man who claims to be the son of Sidney Poitier. The movie earned an Oscar nod for co-star Stockard Channing but nothing for Will’s risky performance.

He says the movie taught him to be totally committed to his roles, adding that he now regrets taking Denzel Washington’s advice not to kiss a man on-screen.

“It was very immature on my part,” he says. “I was thinking, ‘What are my friends in Philly going to think about this?’ This was a valuable lesson for me. Either you do it or you don’t.”

In subsequent films, the ones that made him a star, he developed the tools that came to define his on-screen persona; the cocky tilt of the head and hipster charm. Those tricks won over audiences but don’t win awards.

Then along came a pair of films that put him on the serious-actor-grid, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* and *Ali*. *Bagger Vance* earned poor reviews and

even worse box office, but the Michael Mann film about the legendary fighter gave Smith his first Oscar bait lead role.

For the next few years he seemed content to rule the box office, but two collaborations with Italian director Gabriele Muccino — *The Pursuit of Happyness* and *Seven Pounds*, in theatres today — have brought him closer to the award’s circle.

“Gabriele Muccino,” Smith says, “is able to help me create characters that are much different from what I would do on my own.”

Pundits called their first collaboration *Pursuit of an Oscar Nomination* and you can almost sense him groping for the award in *Seven Pounds*, but I fear he doesn’t stand a chance this year against Sean Penn, Mickey Rourke and Frank Langella.

He may just have to settle for world domination and leave the awards for the poor folks.

Richard Crouse is the author of *Son of the 100 Best Movies You’ve Never Seen* and film critic for CTV’s Canada AM.

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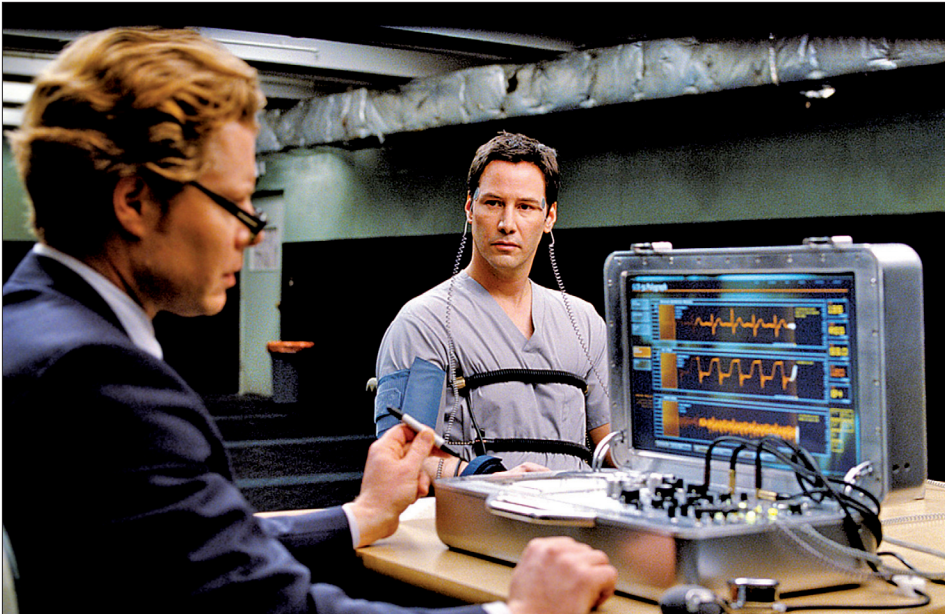
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## Music

# A falling out with celebrity

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If anyone knows a thing or two about celebrity culture it's Fall Out Boy. The Chicago-turned-L.A. pop punk band doesn't just live near Hollywood, they live the whole Paparazzi eluding, party hopping experience.

**So it's no surprise that their new album, Folie a Deux, is all about celebrity excess.**

"This record is strongly influenced by Hollywood," says lead singer Patrick Stump. "It's about watching western culture deal with fame and how we've deluded everything to the point of just product."

Rallying against the nature of celebrity, is somewhat ironic coming from a band who counts Pete Wentz, a gossip rag favourite, as a member. The bassist has had a complicated relationship with fame. From his genitals being plastered all over the Internet to a widely publicized marriage with Ashley Simpson,

he's no stranger — and in turn the rest of the band — to the Hollywood machine.

Stump's well aware that some might think it's odd for the group to take such a staunch stand against pop culture, but he doesn't think it's strange. "It's really easy to not be inside it even if you are inside of it," he explains. "There are two different people who end up in tabloids, people who are there by accident and people who are desperate to maintain their popularity. We've all been part of the former."

As for Wentz, Stump makes no apologies for his bassist's celebrity status. But he vehemently points out that he's no fame whore. "It's very frustrating," he says. "He does wonderful things because of it. We've all been able to contribute to organizations we strongly believe in, we committed a lot of money to Proposition 8, and we almost made it to



Folie a Deux is the new album from Fall Out Boy.

Antarctica to bring Green Peace there. We got to do them because we're utilizing celebrity. That's the way Pete sees it, we can get something out fame."

The album's themes don't just manifest themselves in the lyrics, the music — a blend of high energy '80s rock and their familiar punk

riffs — is also a response to America's obsession with celebrity. Stump explains that the '80s are back and "in the worst possible way."

"We've fallen into Wall Street excess. Cocaine is back in fashion and everyone is full of crap," he says. "That's what I wanted the album to sound like."

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If you're anything like me, you're close to ODing on Christmas music treacle. I tried to get some shopping done the other day, but after hearing Jose Feliciano sing Feliz Navidad yet again, I realized that I'd rather blowtorch my own toes off than be subjected to more of the same dusty holiday music that's been making the rounds since Coca-Cola invented Santa Claus in the '20s.

With that in mind, here's

another list of decidedly non-traditional holiday songs that rock:

• **Police Nabbed My Dad/Bobnoxious:** This London, Ont., group have been sending me Christmas songs for the last couple of years and I've loved 'em all. Nothing like a song about your dad being sent to jail set to the tune of the aforementioned Feliz Navidad. Get it at [bobnoxiousrock.com](http://bobnoxiousrock.com).

• **Joseph, Better You Than Me/Killers feat. Elton John:** When I spoke to Brandon Flowers last month about their third Christmas single, guitarist Dave Keuning was in another suite in Toronto's Pantages hotel laying down the final guitar tracks. Brandon says that Joseph doesn't get the credit he should for his role in the Christmas sto-

ry and this song attempts to address that. Proceeds to Bono's (RED) foundation. Available on: iTunes.

• **Santa Claus Is Coming to Town/BWC Christmas Orchestra:** If you liked Springsteen's take on this one, you might want to stay away from the near death-metal vocals of this version. Available on: BWC Studios Presents: A Very Metal Christmas.

• **Oh Little Town of Bethlehem/Killdozer:** Definitely not the kind of thing you'll want to play when grandma comes over for Christmas dinner. A bit dysfunctional, to put it mildly. Available on: Hardcore Holiday

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**Music****Metro recommends**

• **AMADOU & MARIAM, WELCOME TO MALI:**

African couple deftly blends their musical roots with a myriad of modern styles for a superb new and original sound.



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Film score mixes ominous electronic soundscapes and fanciful strings for a healthy dose of engaging weirdness.



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**New face on 90210**  
Matt Lanter is the next newbie to arrive on 90210's West Beverly campus. The actor will play Liam, a bad boy who's ready to rile up the hallways, People reports. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

## Television

# Cartoon metal heads flourish

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**BRUTAL:** I can no longer give a convincing impression of someone whose world has been transformed by Jay Leno on primetime, and there's only so much I can say about Canadian Idol's

yearlong "rest" without bursting into this disturbing giggle, so I thought I'd take a moment to talk about the second season of my favorite show, now on DVD just in time for Christmas.

You don't have to have grown up in a working class suburb in the '70s to love heavy metal, but it certainly helps, and as far as I can tell, metal fans generally love Metalocalypse, even though it viciously satirizes everything they hold dear. If

you haven't managed to catch its brief appearances on Teletoon's adult-only Detour programming block, the premise is simple enough — Dethklok is the biggest band in the world, growing from the 13th to the seventh-largest economy in the world over the course of the show's two seasons. Try to imagine, say, that Slayer or Cannibal Corpse could cause international riots, or prompt debates at the United Nations.

The band — a mix of American and Scandinavian louts — are morons, and when they aren't endlessly debating how to do the most metal thing, they're unsuccessfully dealing with their intimacy issues, or the fact that they're lousy at doing anything that doesn't involve double-kick triplets or singing about flesh-eating zombies.

Not that the world needed such a thing, but Metalocalypse is probably the most perfect take on met-

al's essence — morbid and epic megalomaniac teenage-boy fantasies alongside tawdry, lower-middle-class anxieties, executed with plenty of metal's graphic flourishes: skulls and swords and bat's wings, and skulls with bat's wings, and swords with skulls, and bat's wings on swords. You get the picture.

Season two follows where season one left off — with the band staggering one step closer to the Armageddon predicted in the show's title, and the shadowy conspirators of The Tribunal monitoring them for their own vague reasons. And then there's the band, with their pitiful solo projects, family problems and momentary obsessions with hallucinogenic

drugs known only to Amazon tribes, which inspires a brief tribute to Werner Herzog's 1982 film Fitzcarraldo.

The show is at its best when little or nothing is going on but the sorts of digressive, numbskull conversations most men have had a few hundreds of in their lives, enlivened by a few moments of incredibly graphic violence.

Basically, it's like spending a night in front of an Xbox with a bunch of boys — teenage or older — ungoverned by female influences, if only for a few precious hours.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

### In brief

**REALITY TV** Former Beatle Paul McCartney and pop star Britney Spears are at the top of Simon Cowell's celebrity wish list as possible mentors on the upcoming season of American Idol.

McCartney

But the chances of getting McCartney to appear on the most-watched American television show seem slim.

"We try every year to get Paul McCartney on but for whatever reason he won't come on," the British judge told reporters on a conference call.

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# Youth watching less TV: Study

Young Americans just aren't watching TV like they used to.

Put another way, the older you get, the more you watch, according to a report out Thursday from Deloitte indicating that "millennials," the generation of ages 14-25, watch just 10.5 hours of TV a week. That compares with 15.1 hours for those in Generation X (ages 26-42), 19.2 hours for baby boomers (43-61) and 21.5 hours for matures (62-75).

Lest one assume millennials are shunning broadcast and cable in favour of

(Young people) spend less time watching DVDs of movies and TV shows on television sets ... than do Gen Xers.

Deloitte study

watching DVDs on their TV screens, they're not. They spend less time watching DVDs of movies and TV shows on television sets, 4.8 hours a week, than do Gen Xers. They are,

though, spending more time watching DVDs on a computer — 1.9 hours a week — than any other age group.

But while millennials watch the least TV, they spend the most time with media in general, making that up with video games, music and the Internet.

TV does remain the most influential advertising medium going, according to the Deloitte study, titled The State of the Media Democracy. It is followed by magazines, the Internet, newspapers, radio and billboards.

REUTERS



A Deloitte study has found that the older you are, the more likely you are to watch TV.

## New U2 album out in March

**MUSIC** Irish rockers U2 have named their new album No Line On The Horizon, and will release it worldwide in early March, their label said Thursday.

The quartet's 12th studio album was originally expected to be released by the end of this year, but the band announced in September that it would keep writing more tunes. Recording took place in

Morocco, Dublin, New York and London.

Interscope Records will release No Line On The Horizon internationally March 2, and a day later in North America.

The new release marks the follow-up to How To Dismantle An Atomic Bomb, which was released in late 2004 and went on to sell 9 million copies worldwide, according to Interscope. REUTERS

### FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap		Supernanny		20/20
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Instant Star	TMZ (N)		Wife Swap		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	The Secret of the Nutcracker (DVS)			Little Mosque	CBC News: The National		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)		NUMB3RS "Tabu"		NUMB3RS (N)
sports	6	6	6	CIHF Entertainment	ET Canada	90210 (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Frienemies"		Life "Trapdoor" (N)		News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk (N)	Hollywood	Rita MacNeil's Christmas		Eight Days to Live (2006, Drama)	Kelly Rowan. (DVS)	News (N)		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Momma's Boys		Dateline NBC		
cable	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	World Cup of Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	Junior Hockey: IIHF World Championship Pre-Competition						Curling
	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Game Over"		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN News		Mixed Blessing	First Nation	Rabbit Fall	The Rez	Top Gun *** (1986, Adventure)	Tom Cruise.	
cable	37	37	37	BRVO Street Legal		Desperate Housewives		Bravo! Fact	Books-Film	Richard III *** (1996, Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Laughs	Good Morning	Corner Gas	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Inc.
	18	18	18	CNN (5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Tornado Rampage		Man vs. Wild (N)		Alcatraz: Hell
cable	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Extreme Home	Build a New Life		Relocation
	46	46	46	HIST Ultimate Engineering		NCIS "Boxed In"		Shockwave		Ultimate Engineering		Ax Men
	17	17	17	MM Gossip Girl (HDTV)		Brooke Knows	Brooke Knows	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Raising Helen (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
	206	206	206	PIX (6) The Star Chamber		Chain Reaction ** (1996, Action)	Keanu Reeves.			Johnny Mnemonic (1995, Science Fiction)		
cable	39	39	39	SHOW EastEnders	Little Britain	The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard "Live Free"		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
	40	40	40	SLICE X-Weighted "Michelle"		Crash Test Mommy		In Laws	Nearly Dead	Wedding SOS	Wedding SOS	Hair Challenge
	21	21	21	TLC What Not to Wear		Real Simple. Real Life		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress
	22	22	22	W (6) Holiday Wishes (2006)		Friends	Will & Grace	Grocery Bag	Maxed Out	Crazy for Christmas (2005, Drama)		
cable	27	27	27	YTV Powerpuff Girls: Fight		Christmas With the Kranks ** (2004, Comedy)				Smallville "Fracture"		Dark Oracle

### SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	Wrld News Sat	Patriots All-Access		I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown		Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat (2003, Comedy)		
	7	7	7	ASN Mozart Decoded (DVS)		Magic Flute Diaries (2008, Musical)	Rutger Hauer. (DVS)			Hope for the Future (N)		Atlantis
	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Pittsburgh Penguins. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey
	32	32	32	CBS News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		Elf *** (2003, Comedy)	Will Ferrell, Bob Newhart.			48 Hr. Mystery
sports	6	6	6	CIHF Santa Claus Parade		Doc		Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH Conversation-Prime Minister		Playing House (2006, Romance-Comedy) (DVS)				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX Friends	Kodak's Smart	Colon Detox		Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		WWE Tribute to the Troops (N)		Law/Ord SVU
cable	55	55	55	SCOR College Football: St. Petersburg Bowl				Score on NFL	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at San Antonio Spurs.			
	53	53	53	TSN Curling 2008 Continental Cup -- Singles. (Live)				NFL Football Baltimore Ravens at Dallas Cowboys. (HDTV) (Live)				
	16	16	16	A&E Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	70	70	70	APTN Tribal Treks	Music Speaks	MYTV	The Mix	Rez Bluez "West Coast Bluez"		Movie		
cable	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Barenaked for the Holidays		Rankin Sisters		Yo-Yo Ma-Making of Songs of Joy & Peace		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Jeff Dunham
	18	18	18	CNN This Week in Politics		Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Destroyed	Destroyed	Mighty Ships		Canada's Worst Driver		Criss Angel
cable	34	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Sarah's House	Mansions	Million Dollar Listing		Extreme-Home
	46	46	46	HIST In Search of Santa Claus		NCIS "Silver War"		Ancestors	Ancestors	Gangs of New York *** (2002)		
	17	17	17	MM You Can Dance		Raising Helen ** (2004, Comedy-Drama)	Kate Hudson.			Get With Girlicious (N)		Britney
	206	206	206	PIX (6:50) 54 ** (1998, Drama)		Stand by Me (1986, Comedy-Drama)				Rules of Engagement ** (2000, Drama)		
cable	39	39	39	SHOW TBA	Trailer Park	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	His and Her Christmas (2005, Comedy-Drama)	Paula Devicq.			Sin City
	40	40	40	SLICE Beautiful	Mr. Friday	Last 10	Last 10	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Inside Hollywood		Housewives
	21	21	21	TLC Jon & Kate Plus 8		Little People	Little People	Crazy Christmas Lights		More Crazy Christmas Lights		Trading
	22	22	22	W Shopping Bags	Shopping Bags	The Road to Christmas (2006, Comedy)	Jennifer Grey.			Miracle on 34th Street (1947, Fantasy)		
cable	27	27	27	YTV Red-Nosed Reindeer		The Christmas That Almost Didn't Happen				National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 2: Cousin Eddie		

### SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime	31	31	31	ABC News (N)	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
	7	7	7	ASN Young Blades		Funniest Home Videos		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Wings" (N)		Atlantis
	11	11	11	CBC Mickey-C'mas	Grinch-C'mas	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989, Comedy)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		McDermott
	32	32	32	CBS NFL Football		60 Minutes		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case "Wings" (N)		The Unit
sports	6	6	6	CIHF 16:9 Picture	American Dad	ReGenesis "China"		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Rankin Family Reunion		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama)	(DVS)			News (N)
	36	36	36	FOX NFL Football: Eagles at Redskins		The OT		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News (N)	NBC News	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants.				
cable	55	55	55	SCOR NFL Blitz	WWE Bash	The WWE Experience		College Football: New Orleans Bowl -- Southern Mississippi vs. Troy				
	53	53	53	TSN Curling	SportsCentre	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants.				
	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		CSI: Miami "Kill Switch"		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN Great Towns	MYTV	Rez Bluez "West Coast Bluez"		Music Speaks	The Mix	The Mission *** (1986, Historical Drama)		
cable	37	37	37	BRVO Rankin Sisters		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Christmas Together		Forrest Gump *** (1994, Drama)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comics!	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Net
	18	18	18	CNN Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	Secret Plot to Kill Hitler (N)				Dark Fellowships: The Vril (N)		MythBusters
cable	34	48	48	HGTV Green Homes	Extreme Home	Holmes for the Holidays		Over the Top Holiday		Crazy for Christmas		Holmes-Homes
	46	46	46	HIST Battlefield Mysteries		NCIS "Switch"		The Worst Jobs in History		Gosford Park *** (2001, Mystery)		
	17	17	17	MM Brooke Knows	Meet Barkers	50 Cent: Money and Power		So You Think You Can Dance				Springbreak.08
	206	206	206	PIX (6:45) Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure		(8:20) Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey				Owning Mahowny *** (2003, Drama)		
cable	39	39	39	SHOW Star Trk: Cntct	Trailer Park	The Guard "Waheguru"		Christmas Caper (2007, Comedy-Drama)	Shannen Doherty.			The Island
	40	40	40	SLICE Tori & Dean	Nearly Dead	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten	Biggest Loser
	21	21	21	TLC Mystery ER (HDTV)		Smallest People in World		Incredibly Small		Girl Who Never Grew		Small People
	22	22	22	W Hwd 10 Best	Grocery Bag	Under the Mistletoe (2006, Drama)	Jaime Ray Newman.			Call Me Claus ** (2001, Comedy)		
cable	27	27	27	YTV Jack Frost ** (1998, Fantasy)	Michael Keaton.			SpongeBob	Mystery Hnt.	The Next Star		Falcon Beach

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Friday at 8 p.m., Casino Nova Scotia.

The Sons of Maxwell — otherwise known as Don and Dave Carroll — will play their annual Christmas concert Friday at Casino Nova Scotia. Don't celebrate Christmas? Never fear — there'll be Sons of Maxwell favourites and songs from each brother's solo work, too. Tickets are \$25 at [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com).

#### John Gracie's Simply Christmas

Saturday, Casino Nova Scotia, 6 p.m.

It's a family affair this year at John Gracie's Simply Christmas concert. The Halifax-based singer/songwriter, who started penning lyrics before he started school, will bring his 18-year-old daughter Samantha onstage. Samantha Gracie is also featured on her dad's national release, *Baby It's Cold Outside*. The concert will be at the Schooner Room at Casino Nova Scotia; tickets are \$25 each at the casino, or [www.ticketatlantic.com](http://www.ticketatlantic.com).

#### The Barra MacNeils

Sunday at The Rebecca Cohn, 4 and 8 p.m.

Harp music, Gaelic carols, step dancing: It wouldn't be a Nova Scotia Christmas without the Barra MacNeils' annual concert. This year, they're playing a Sunday matinee at 4 p.m. and an evening show Sunday night, 8 p.m. at the Rebecca Cohn. Tickets are \$36, and they're on sale by phone at 494-3820 or at [www.dal.ca/artscentre](http://www.dal.ca/artscentre).

#### Hanukkah

Monday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. Grande Parade, outside City Hall.

Happy Hanukkah! The eight-day Jewish festival, also known as the Festival of Lights, begins Dec. 21. Halifax will celebrate Dec. 22 at 6 p.m., when Jewish celebrants will gather to light the menorah in the Grand Parade, outside City Hall. Afterward, there'll be treats.

#### Dear Santa

At The Eastern Front Theatre until Dec. 28.

If you're more into theatre than music, Eastern Front Theatre's *Dear Santa* is playing until Dec. 28. Regular-price tickets are just over \$30; it's about \$16 for students and \$25 for military. Tickets are available at [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca).

#### LEGO Halifax Harbour Exhibit

At the Maritime Museum of The Atlantic until Feb. 8.

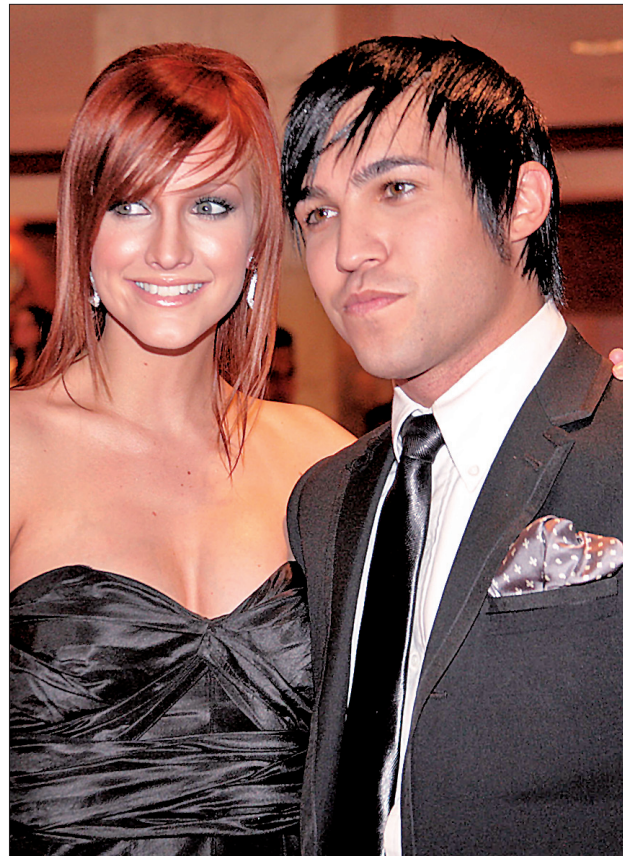
Check out the popular LEGO Halifax Harbour exhibit at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on Lower Water Street. It's a huge, interactive model train and town. Admission is \$4.75 for adults, \$2.75 for kids aged six to 17. Children five and under get in free.

### Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now



#### 1 Cruising around

Actor Tom Cruise is back in the spotlight again, this time plugging his Second World War thriller *Valkyrie*, which hits theatres Christmas Day.



#### 2 Oh, baby

Bronx Mowgli, the name of singer Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz's son, has been crowned the worst celebrity baby name of 2008. About 5,000 visitors to BabyNames.com voted the moniker the most disliked male baby name of 2008. Jagger Joseph Blue — the daughter of actress Soleil Moon Frye and Jason Goldberg — was deemed the worst girl's name.

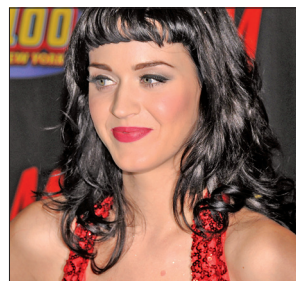


#### 3 Back at the top

Harry Potter series author J.K. Rowling is back on top with *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*, currently the No. 1 best-seller on Amazon.ca.

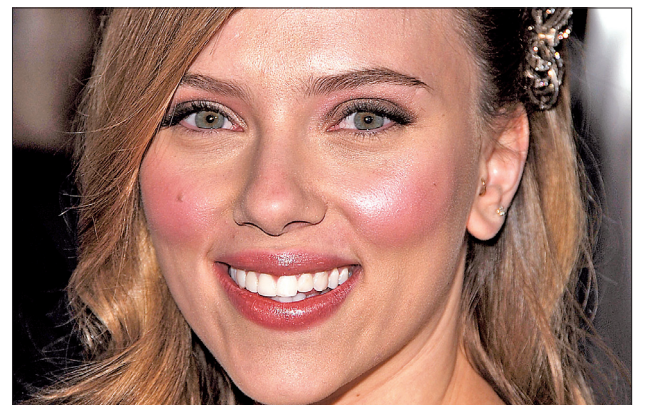
#### 4 Awards season

Movie awards season is well underway, with Golden Globe nominees recently announced, and several film critics' associations having named their top films of the year. Oscar nominations will be announced Jan. 22.



#### 6 Another celebrity designer?

Katy Perry may start a fashion line, E! News Online reports. The singer says she's always experimented with clothes and cites model Agyness Deyn and burlesque star Dita Von Teese as her fashion icons.



#### 7 Scarlett exposure

Actress Scarlett Johansson has been all over the place lately, first co-hosting the Nobel Peace Concert Dec. 11, then slamming *Cosmopolitan* U.K. magazine for printing an interview with her she says she never gave, and now comes news she's thinking about putting out another album.

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**Piven quits Broadway after doctors' diagnosis**

Leading man Jeremy Piven has suddenly split from the critical and commercial hit Broadway revival of David Mamet's *Speed-the-Plow*, citing doctors' diagnosis that he's suffering a high mercury count, *Variety* reports. **PEOPLE.COM**



## Celebrity Buzz

**Inauguration tops Scarlett's wish list**

**PEOPLE** Scarlett Johansson stopped by *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno this week and told Jay what she's asking Santa for this Christmas.

The 24-year-old actress, who is an outspoken Barack Obama supporter, expressed her desire to attend the Inaugural Ball, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

"From Santa I would like a ticket to the Inaugural Ball," she says. "That's what I want Santa."



MSN.COM

**'No need for money' Emma**

**PEOPLE** Emma Watson has "no need for money in her life," *femalefirst.co.uk* is reporting.

The *Harry Potter* actress — estimated to be worth \$23 million — says, "The wealth side of it hasn't hit me yet because I have no need for money in my life. My life will not be motivated by money."

The 18-year-old also insists she has not adopted a lavish lifestyle and still uses public transport.

"I have a more normal life than people expect," she told *USA Today*. "People are like, 'That girl looks like the girl from *Harry Potter*, but it can't be her on the train.'"



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**Jolie and Pitt say no to TV**

**PARENTING** When the holiday season rolls around, Brad Pitt says he and Angelina Jolie aren't big spenders for their brood of six, preferring making crafts to giving pricey presents, *people.com* reports.

With their luxe lifestyle, how do the youngsters avoid craving tons of holiday loot? By nixing TV.

"The kids don't ask for the big gifts for the reason that they don't see a lot of the American cartoon television, which is packed with all those manipulative commercials

for big toys that look so fantastic," says papa Pitt.

"When they do see that stuff is when they start asking for the toys, so we figure if they don't see them, they won't know they're there. So we have

gifts, but we try to keep the money spent to a minimum."



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**Whitney's stepmom sues over dad's cash**

**LEGAL** Whitney Houston is being sued by her stepmother for allegedly ignoring the wishes of her late father, *femalefirst.co.uk* is reporting.

In the lawsuit filed in a federal court in Newark, the 45-year-old singer is accused of improperly keeping the proceeds of her dad John Houston's \$1-million insurance policy.

Whitney's stepmother Barbara Houston claims the

money was meant to pay off the \$723,000 mortgage on John's Fort Lee condominium, in New Jersey, where she still lives.

Whitney holds the mortgage on the property. John died from cardiac arrest in 2003, aged 82.

Barbara also claims her late husband wanted the remaining insurance money to go to her.

Lawyers for Whitney and her stepmother declined to comment on the lawsuit.



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**Jodie's relapse led to custody woes?**

**PEOPLE** A judge made a temporary ruling Wednesday that Jodie Sweetin's custody over eight-month-old daughter Zoie must only be in Sweetin's parents' home (where she currently lives) or in her parents' presence, *people.com* is reporting.

The judge made his ruling after Sweetin recently underwent an emergency investigation by an Orange County, Calif., family court for allegations of substance abuse raised by her estranged husband.

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tranged husband, Cody Herpin, tells *People* that his "main concern" is to "keep Jodie clean and safe."

Herpin's lawyer, Robert Benavente, tells *People* the reason for the investigation of Sweetin is "primarily alcohol (abuse), but there's also concern regarding methamphetamines."

"Jodie absolutely has not relapsed into using meth," Sweetin's lawyer Wilma Presley tells *People*. "She merely confessed to having several glasses of wine over dinner recently and felt guilty about that. She is currently in a 12-step program and is working hard on her sobriety. She wants to be clean and sober from everything."

**Depp ready to marry longtime partner?**

**RELATIONSHIP** Johnny Depp has reportedly bought an engagement ring for partner Vanessa Paradis, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 45-year-old actor asked a high-end California jewellery store to close to the public so he could privately choose a ring for Vanessa, who he has been dating for 10 years.

A source told *America's OK!* magazine: "This was Johnny's third or fourth visit to the store."

"He looked at an assortment of classic soli-

taire diamond rings in platinum settings — a really beautiful selection of elegant and understated rings and made a very large purchase."

Johnny — who has two children, Lily Rose, nine and Jack, six, with Vanessa — has previously insisted he and the French star have no desire to marry.



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**No more kids, Smith insists**

**CHILDREN** Will Smith doesn't want any more kids, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 40-year-old actor and his wife Jada Pinkett Smith — who raise three children together — are instead looking forward to becoming grandparents.

Will said: "Jada and I sat down and asked, 'Where do we see ourselves (in 40 years)?' ... We don't have more children — we have grandchildren."



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**Moss making sexy lingerie**

**CAREER** Kate Moss is set to design and model a range of sexy lingerie, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The British beauty has extended her contract with U.K. high street fashion chain Topshop for another three years and can't wait to start work on the new lines — which also includes a range of shoes — due in March.

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**Taylor talks after tooth surgery**

**PEOPLE** It takes more than having her wisdom teeth removed to keep down Taylor Swift, *people.com* reports.

The singer has been blogging through the pain, keeping fans posted on her recovery.

And the pain? "I'm feeling it," she wrote.

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